

## Former Members Of Station Suspects In WMIT Robbery; Question Dormitory Resident

Officials of WMIT have publicly voiced their suspicions that a former station member or members are responsible for the theft of nearly \$1000 worth of radio equipment during the Christmas vacation.

Victor Ellins '54, Station Manager of WMIT, in a statement issued earlier this week voiced the "hope that the criminals, when apprehended, prove not to be students of M.I.T." but David Sternlight '54, Special Features Director of the station, asserted over the air during the week that former station members were in fact under suspicion.

Grand larceny, defined as criminally taking possession of property valued at more than one hundred dollars, is a felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment. The charge of grand larceny would be applicable to the theft of the equipment missing from WMIT if and when an arrest is made. Other charges may or may not be appropriate.

The Cambridge police have continued to remain silent on the case, except to state that the investigation is proceeding slowly but steadily. In addition, it is known that several members of the police department, accompanied by officials of WMIT, entered the dormitories soon after the theft was discovered, and asked a student questions concerning the theft and of the whereabouts of several other students at the time of the robbery.

### Possibly No Arrests

The Tech has learned from several sources, at least one of which has proved highly reliable in the past, that it is possible that even if the police gather sufficient evidence, no arrests will be made. Instead, the evidence would be turned over to the Institute, to do with as the Institute saw fit.

Station officials have confirmed earlier reports that the last time the locks had been changed before the robbery, was a year and a half ago. Approximately 20 keys are believed to be in circulation which would have opened the locks at the time of the theft. A new set of locks costing \$43 was installed on Tuesday evening, and 50 keys were obtained to be issued to station members.

### JudComm Investigation

Individual members of Judicial Committee have begun an informal investigation of the case, but the full committee had not yet met as of (Continued on page 6)

## Robert A. Vogeler Will Lecture Here Today In 10-250

Robert A. Vogeler, author of "I was Stalin's Prisoner," will talk on the problem of Communism at 5:00 p. m. this Friday in Room 10-250 under the auspices of the Lecture Series Committee.

Mr. Vogeler was arrested by the Communist Hungarian government in Vienna in November, 1949, while he was living there as a representative of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and International Standard Electric Corporation, and charged with sabotage, espionage, and conspiracy against the Hungarian government. He was tried, convicted, and imprisoned, and released in April, 1951. He is a graduate of the Institute, having received his degree in 1937, and is a member of the Alumni Association. He has lectured for many groups throughout the country.

## Dormitories Have Mechanical Cows On A Trial Basis

Milk-vending machines have been installed in East Campus and Burton House on an eight-week trial basis. The company will remove the machines if less than 2000 quarts are sold in this period. Baker House does not have such a machine since it was felt that due to compulsory Commons meals, the residents would not purchase enough to support the vendor.

The machines, which were obtained through the office of Mr. Henry K. Dow, director of Institute housing, hold about 250 quarts of family, that is, pasteurized, milk in paper containers. If necessary they will be filled every day. The cost per quart is 25 cents, and the machine will take quarters or the combination of two dimes and a nickel.

The House Committees will not receive any of the profits from these sales. The Institute, after paying installation and electricity and upkeep costs, will place its share of the profits in the General Dormitory Fund, into which have been placed in the past profits from the sale of cigarettes, magazines and candy in the dormitory offices as well.

Due to the presence of the vending equipment in the houses, milk deliveries are no longer permitted.

## Dean Speer Now Acting As Religious Coordinator

By Daniel B. Schneider, '57

With the knowledge that in the near future a chapel would become a reality on the Institute campus, the administration came to the conclusion that if this structure were to mean anything to the students, religious interest, particularly in regard to the chapel, ought to be further stimulated.

One of the major ideas in the mind of the administration was the obtaining of a chaplain, or his counterpart, as soon as possible. It was into this atmosphere that Dean E. Francis Bowditch stepped when he assumed his present post as Dean of Students three years ago.

### Cancels Immediate Action

One of the first things Dean Bowditch did was to cancel thoughts of any immediate action and to lay plans for a period of careful deliberation and gathering of opinion. This period officially began this fall and is to continue for two years under the direction and guidance of Dean William Speer, assistant dean of students.

Dean Speer, besides serving in the capacity of assistant dean of students, is also the associate general secretary of T.C.A., a position he assumed in the fall. Last year when T.C.A. was faced with the retirement of Mr. Wallace Ross, general secretary, and the release of Mr. Donald Haliburton, his assistant, the advisory board decided that the new general secretary should be a person very interested in the development of religious feeling and one who could work on the establishment of a spiritual program.

### Holden Selected

The man selected for the position

## Memorial Drive Traffic Stopped By Baker Residents' Snow Block As Police Brave Student Barrage



Police Arrive at Baker House Barricade

Traffic on Memorial Drive was stopped for about fifteen minutes last Tuesday night when a group of students, probably from Baker House, built a barricade of snow across the highway. The obstruction was put up at 11:00 p. m., just after the snow stopped.

A first attempt to block off the Drive failed when a Cambridge snow-plow plowed it away when it was about half built. However a force of seventy-five students resumed the task and soon succeeded in building a snow structure across the entire width of one side of Memorial Drive, the side leading toward Harvard University. This completely halted all traffic for approximately a quarter of an hour, at which time drivers of the stopped cars discovered they could avoid the barrier by going up on the island in the middle of the Drive.

### Police Arrive

About twenty minutes later, after the traffic had cleared up, the M.D.C. arrived via a lone patrol car. As soon as the policeman stepped out of the car he was greeted by a barrage of snowballs. More police were called and three more police cars and a paddy wagon arrived on the scene a short while later. Amplifiers turned up to full gain and spotlights from Baker House greeted the new arrivals.

At this point Dean of Students, E. Francis Bowditch, arrived and conferred with the police sergeant about the situation. All the while snowballs were being thrown down on the group of policemen from the roof of Baker House. This was stopped when some of the police entered the dormitory and went to the roof. The fracas ended when a truck demolished the snow barrier, at which point everyone went home. This was about 1:00 a. m.

## Institute Committee Approves Change In Tech Show Date

Institute Committee approved the new date of the Tech Show as Saturday, March 6, at its meeting on Wednesday, January 6. The annual show was to be put on in November, but it had to be postponed when the music director resigned.

At the same meeting, Incomm voted to accept the report of the Field Day Evaluation Committee.

In addition, they approved the report of the Committee on Constitutional Revision listing the legalistic changes which were necessary to carry through on last May's reorganization of the undergraduate government.

## Course II Room Assured By Drive For More Funds

by Alan McKittrick '57

The long sought Course II commons room will soon become a reality. At the outset, a year ago this fall, two rooms were planned. One was to serve the faculty and to be called the Edward F. Miller Conference Room. The other was to accommodate the students. The total cost involved approximately thirty thousand dollars. A drive, sponsored by the course-II Visiting Committee, to raise the needed funds was quickly initiated. The chairman of the effort was Mr. Thomas West, president of the Draper Corporation. Unfortunately, the set goal was not reached, ten thousand dollars being the amount collected. This fall, however, the drive was vigorously renewed. This second drive was headed by a special committee which included Mr. West, Mr. Lunn, and Mr. Ralph Jope. Their sustained efforts helped bring the total up to eighteen thousand.

### Revise Plans

It has now been decided that instead of the initial plan of two rooms only one will be built for both faculty and students and their respective guests. It will be much like the Course XV Erwin Shell Room and the Course X Commons Room in building 12. Professor Arnold, chairman in charge of building construction, feels that the prime feature of the room will be its extreme versatility. Since it will be located in the basement of Building 3 the room can be substantially large. An area thirty by forty-five feet is (Continued on page 5)

## Dorm Committee And Janitor Meet; Discuss, Clean Up

Dormitory Committee voted to extend open house hours on New Year's Eve until 3:00 a. m., at its meeting on Monday, January 4.

They also discussed the possibility of milk machines, refrigerators, and hot plates in the dormitory rooms.

Baker House submitted a set of by-laws for Dorm Comm's approval and the East Campus Houses will soon submit a report.

After the meeting was over a janitor cleaned the committee room.

## Evaluation Comm Submits Report On Field Day Changes

The Field Day Evaluation Committee has submitted its final report, as a result of weekly meetings beginning just before field day, discussions in several student organizations, correspondence with other schools, and observation of Field Day itself. The purpose of the report is to make recommendations concerning the continuance, modification, or elimination of the present traditions regarding Field Day and the connected events preceding it, including hazing.


The committee found overwhelming opinion in favor of Field Day as a whole, with little feeling that it should be radically altered, and therefore recommends its continuance. The glove fight is particularly worthwhile, in that it is the one event in which the classes as a whole are active participants.

### Glove Fight Changed

However the committee recommends the incorporation of the following rules "to eliminate certain undesirable practices of the past and to make the glove fight more interesting."

1. All gloves shall be kept on the persons of active participants in the glove fight, who shall remain on the field during the entire duration of the fight. If it is found that either class has disposed of its gloves in any other manner, the glove fight will be (Continued on page 5)

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Editorials

WE HAVE A LIST

The start of a new year too often forces us to dust off our crystal balls to determine what the new year holds in store for us; or sometimes we are called upon to look back, with hindsight upon the events of the year through which we have just passed. We are admonished to look with favor, instead of criticism, and to commend all the good things which we have seen. But rather than have it said that we are limited in our animosities and grievances we have instead composed a list—incomplete as it is—of people and things which we would never have missed:

Members of student government who are forever under the misapprehension that in order for *The Tech* to be right, it has to agree with them . . . Do-nothings who cry for hesitation in action on discrimination, and who therefore fail to realize that the only way man-made abuses can be destroyed is for man himself to destroy them . . . Wisconsin senators who determine America's foreign policy independently . . . Junior proms without too many juniors . . . Auditorium domes which procrastinate in getting poured . . . Students who apparently get the impression that there is some kind of rivalry between the two Cambridge universities, in spite of the fact that Harvard men refuse to respond to any Tech endeavors to start one (even though some of the best young technical minds in the country have probably made the attempt); and who forget that the "boys up the river" are too preoccupied, anyhow, with a certain school down in New Haven . . . U. S. generals who take too long in fading away.

But let it not be said that *The Tech* has no thought for the future. We have another list of only a few of the items which the Institute ought to make every effort to procure:

Administration and faculty members who will meet the students half way; both in effort and information. We'll let them know what we're thinking if they would only let us know what plans they have in store for us . . . A ground floor corridor through the library to Building 2 . . . A Student Union building to serve the needs of the student body . . . A commons food system which students can choose voluntarily, or discard, as their individual stomachs see fit . . . Big shiny badges and a "good anytime" search warrant for the administration officials who are constantly on the search for hot-plates in the dormitories . . . Administrative officers who will not deem it necessary to conceal pertinent facts from the very students with, and for whom, they are supposed to be working; and who will not announce discussions to be held in the "not for publication" future . . . Lawns, uncluttered by forests and "No Ball Playing" signs.

AND IN GENERAL

Too many of its members are, unfortunately, making student government the farce that students are rapidly coming to believe it is, and ever will be. Members who are of the opinion that student government's only value lies in its being an opportunity for their own personal improvement and experience are giving credence to the feeling that student government is a glorified student activity, and ought to be treated as such. When dormitory committee several months ago requested for an extension of open house hours following the Junior prom, permission was quickly granted by Dean Fassett. Now the dean's office is quick to claim that responsibility for open house regulations is strictly that of dormitory government. That dormitory committee failed to act on its own, in an area which was clearly delegated to it, only serves to point further that student government may not even own the marbles with which it is playing.

Passing resolutions, and taking stands full of high moral resolve have probably never moved a university administration that didn't want to be moved. But be that as it may, a firm independent stand, even in matters outside its jurisdiction but of concern to the student body, constitutes the only power a student government maintains; and expression of opinion, even when unsolicited, essentially remains the only purpose for which student government is designed. If its members remain aware that representation of student demands, and not necessarily being the pawn or middleman in a field of Institute policy, are its responsibilities then its purpose will be fulfilled.

through the mail

To the Editor of *The Tech*:

I would like to commend *The Tech* for its editorial "An Unemphasized Emphasis." It seems to be getting more and more fashionable to speak with approval of the current religious revival, and those who question the wisdom of such a revival have, for the most part, been strangely silent. They had best be prepared to speak up, or the issue will go by default.

The situation at the Institute is a case in point. The impression is inescapable that the administration, instead of merely letting this revival take whatever course it may, has been actively supporting this movement. Why do they do this? Who authorized them to choose one particular side of this issue? I would as soon have expected to see them endorse a particular candidate for political office.

I am sure that the administration would deny that they are consciously trying to indoctrinate students with their particular outlook. But conformity is a very powerful force, and they are being very naive if they think that they can take a stand on such an issue without having some of the Faculty follow the indicated way.

Senator McCarthy and his disciples have already managed to equate agnosticism with Communism. If the society at large follows this path, the day will arrive when free thought will be a thing of the past. One hopes that the administration will not help to hasten the arrival of this day.

DONALD G. BRENNAN '55

Bob Warshawer As UMOC, Gets "Suitable Award"

Today, Bob Warshawer will get his "suitable reward" at high noon in the lobby of Building 10. It will be presented by Ed Hair, '54, president of Alpha Phi Omega, before an expected sizeable crowd.

The popular Warshawer, boosted to notoriety by the recent Ugly Man Contest, will also receive a certificate in commemoration of his achievement. In addition, although not at this time, the second place winner, Major F. B. Moon, will also receive a certificate of merit.

It has long been felt by various people that these men were the ugliest men on the campus, and A.P.O. will express thanks to these outstanding personalities for the use of their names by giving them an award. An unspoken thanks will come from the Cambridge boys who will be aided by the scholarship fund set up by the almost \$120 which accumulated penny by penny during the contest.

Scholarship Aid Given In Course 3 By Metals Society

A \$400 scholarship for the spring term is open to freshman and sophomore students in metallurgy, under a grant from the American Society for Metals.

Students planning to enter Course III as well as those already registered may apply for this award at the Student Aid Center no later than January 22, 1954. The winner's name will be announced early in the spring term.

THE COLLEGE DANCE CLUB

Want a date? A good time? You will have both at the College Dance Club Dances held every Friday night at the Hotel Kenmore and every Saturday at the Harvard Club. Attendance is restricted to college students, graduates, and their guests.

One must be a member to purchase a ticket. Membership cards may be obtained after proof of educational status is submitted, i.e. college ring, bursar's receipt, library card, etc.

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by Bjorn A. Rossing, '56

DANCES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Simmons—"Sock and Buckin", the campus's dramatic club, is sponsoring a stag dance tonight in their Alumnae Hall on Brookline Avenue. You can dance with these cultural hostesses for 60c. Passion music starts at 8:30 p.m.

Boston Y.W.C.A.—140 Clarendon Street. Hostesses from Sargent, Simmons, Fisher and other local girls' schools will be present at this Student Stag Dance. Art Brickley's Orchestra will help you to forget about coming exams if you're willing to pull yourself away from your desk tonight. Admission 50c.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Carlton Club—this club boasts members from every college in the Boston area. Tomorrow night it will have its first dance in year 1954 at the Hotel Beaconsfield, 1731 Beacon Street, Brookline. Dancing starts at 8:30. Those who are planning to come for the first time should bring along some identification of educational status.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

M.I.T.—I.D.C. sponsors its last dance of the term. Refreshments, entertainment, and dancing from 8:30 to 12 in Walker. This is the last opportunity to have some fun before the inevitable deluge of finals. Admission \$1.00.

Mass. Memorial Hospital School of Nursing—these gals plan to hold a SQUARE DANCE in the armory at East Newton Street. So grab your partner and have some casual fun before exams. Donation 75c.

CONCERT

New England Conservatory of Music—the foreign students at this educational center will present a benefit concert tonight at 8:30 in their Jordan Hall, 290 Huntington Ave. The concert will include works from Handel, Schubert, Brahms, Mendelssohn and other noted composers. Admission is 90c and the proceeds go to the International Student Association of Greater Boston, Friday, January 8.

MOVIES

Brattle Theatre—"Pope le Moko", with Jean Gabin starring. The movie was filmed in the native quarter of Algiers; the renowned Casbah, and was adapted from a novel written by an ex-commissioner of the Paris police. Also a couple of shorts, one with an original score by Honegger.

Beacon Hill—"Fanfan the Tulip," a hilariously risqué "take-off" on "swashbuckling" adventure films. Has been running for fifteen weeks. Starring Gerard Phillips and Gina Lollobrigida. Oh that crazy Gina!

Majestic—Julius Caesar, rated one of the ten best films of 1953. It is an unusually good version of Shakespeare. James Mason, John Gielgud and Louis Calhern have leading roles.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Institute Libraries Change Schedules For Open Hours

As of the return to classes from the Christmas recess several changes have been made in the hours for use of the Institute's libraries.

The Humanities Library will be open as follows:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Engineering Library hours are:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

After 1:00 p.m. on any Saturday, the elevator in Building 10 will not be operated. Please use the elevator in Building 7 to the fourth floor, and the stairs to the fifth floor.

Capades before their final show this Sunday, January 10. The performance is very entertaining. There are many short plays given on the ice rink including "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The costumes are beautiful. Highly recommended for one of those limited dates before the finals.

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## Stowaway, Jailbird Hayeem Returns To Life Of A Student

By Benjamin Hayeem '54

This is the last of a series of articles by Benjamin Hayeem '54, describing a trip through Europe and the Middle East. In the last article, Hayeem had just been discovered as a stowaway, on a ship returning to New York from Europe.

"You b — —, you make trouble for me!" I cowered apologetically as the thundering voice of the captain preceded his entry to the bridge. He repeated his cacophonous reprimand as he noticed my cringing expression. "I'm awfully sorry, cap'n," I whined, as a stowaway should. "I didn't mean it. I just want to get back to my beloved alma mater."

But this only added to his wrath. "Why my ship?" he screamed. "Why my ship! You b — —, this ship's not for you. I'll have to send you back."

In spite of the tenseness of the situation I smiled to myself. We were two days out at sea and surely we were not going to turn back. From books I had read, all they did to stowaways was to put them to work. They never sent them back.

They did put me to work, side by side with the Yale man who had taken my guitar aboard. "How did you ever get here?" He whispered to me in between scrubbing the paintwork and hosing it down.

"It was easy," I said swaggeringly. "These boys just have to take me to New York. They got no alternative."

"You don't know the captain," he said darkly.

While we were thus pleasantly making whispered conversation, I was ordered up to the bridge again. The captain, heavily uniformed, met me with a grimace. "Get your things together, we're sending you back!" I gasped. How, how could they do this to me? He pointed to a speck on the horizon. "That's the Black Tern," he said exultantly. "We're going to put you on that ship, back to Holland." He walked into the wireless operator's room, to confirm the other ship's position, and left me on the bridge, weak and frustrated.

The speck grew in size, until I made it out to be a sister ship of the one I was on. We stopped, about a hundred yards apart, and I was dumped into a lifeboat with an officer and two seamen. As we were lowered into the murky Atlantic, I cried bitterly to myself. All that wasted effort! and the bursar was waiting for my registration material. Would they understand? All my professors and instructors—would they realize what pains I had taken to be on time for their classes?

We were being rowed across the space between the ships. I saw the Yale man look sorrowfully at me, and I knew that in all due respect to my memory, he would look after my guitar. He was a man, true to his colors, in spite of what any M.I.T. man may say.

As we pulled up alongside the Black Tern I saw all the crew and passengers lined up along the rail, watch-



Strobe Lights Freeze Diver in Mid Air

ing the operation. I waved, and received moral support immediately. I climbed up the rope ladder and heard someone cry out, "Never mind, boy, you'll make it yet!" With my chest thrown out, I smiled back, and waved again. Then, leaning over the side, I yelled to the lifeboat, as it made the return crossing, "Thanks a lot, fellows!" It had been a tough crossing, a hundred yards of stormy Atlantic Ocean.

Feeling like a movie star, I was escorted through the welcoming crowd to a small room where I was locked up. The glory of the adventure faded as I realized that I had failed in my attempt to make M.I.T. on time. Frustration and weariness forced me into a deep sleep within the confines of my cell.

The ship made its way to Antwerp,

Belgium. The instant we entered the locks before the harbor, two policemen with gold-braided uniforms assumed charge of my person and escorted me to a big black police car. Whizzing through the streets of Antwerp, I pinched myself to prove that I was not in a dream. It was so strange to be treated like a criminal, when all I had done was to further the interests of science. I could not make my captors understand this point, when they were concerned with the fulfillment of their own mission. This was to deliver me to the jail to which I was assigned.

The heavy door of the cell creaked open to welcome my arrival in Antwerp. "Just like the books and the movies," I thought. I could rot to death, and after many years my bones

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## Edgerton Strobe Used To Correct Form Of Divers

Photography and Professor Harold Edgerton's stroboscopic light have turned to swimming and in particular diving for a try at stopping the motion of the relaxed form of a diver going through his paces. Combining the fast flicker of Edgerton's light with the convenience of poloroid prints that are available for immediate inspection, has enabled Roy Merritt, the diving coach of the swimming team, to catch defects in form before they become an uncorrectable habit with the diver.

Professor Edgerton hopes to team up with Oscar Hedlund once more, as he did last year, in applying the same techniques to pole vaulting.

Water splashing in symmetrical patterns and a number four iron in the act of crushing a golf ball were items which the light and a camera had placed detailedly on a gelatin plate or film before. Though these occurred at speeds much greater than that of the motion of a diver twisting off a spring board over a pool, the problems present were essentially the same. A bright light of extremely short duration was needed to prevent the moving object from appearing as a smooth blur in a picture of it.

Camera shutters that would open and shut quickly enough to capture views of successive stages of the motion in question could not be manufactured. The alternative was to place the object in motion in comparative darkness and adjust the frequency of a light flashing upon the object to equal the number of pictures desired in a predetermined time period. In the meantime the shutter could be left open. Adjusting the frequency of the shutter openings would then determine how many successive stages of the motion appeared on each plate of film.

## Religious Program

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liberation and development.

In his position in the dean's office, Dean Speer will make no definite decisions; it is his duty only to gather opinion and information and to "keep the fires burning" until the erection of the chapel. Thus far, Dean Speer has met and talked with all the various chaplains individually, and praises them highly as "an unusually fine group of ministers."

### T.C.A. Reorganizes

He met with the Baker Memorial Foundation just before they approached T.C.A. with an offer to sponsor the series of religious speakers, and has been assisting and advising Seabury C. McGown '55, religious action director of T.C.A.

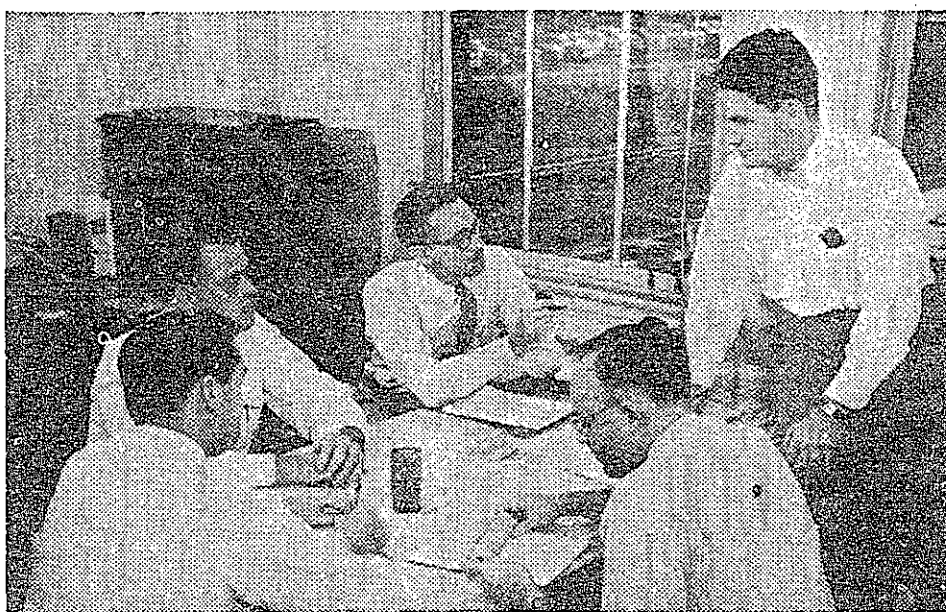
In view of the new stress being put on the development of religious feeling, mainly by T.C.A., it was felt that a reorganization in T.C.A. was necessary. Prior to this time there were only two major departments in the association; service and boys' work—with religious action being a minor activity. Following a suggestion by Thomas Chase '54, director of boys' work, the religious action department was placed on an equal status with the other two major branches, and three vice-presidents, who will be the directors of the three main departments, were created.

This is the last in the series of articles relating and explaining the current T.C.A. and administration policies in regard to the growth of religious feeling on the M.I.T. campus.

## THE DU PONT DIGEST

### Plant Development

Offers Training and Opportunity



John Purdom, M.S. in Ch.E., Ohio State '48 (right), confers with other engineers on the progress of a new plant.

A young chemical engineer recently had his first assignment in a Plant Development group at Du Pont. He was part of a team assigned to improve recovery of adipic acid, a nylon intermediate, from plant-waste streams.

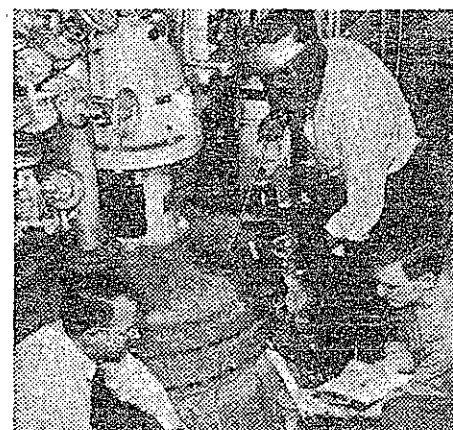
First, he made a literature survey for possible leads. Three recovery methods came under consideration: solvent extraction, crystallization, and a combination distillation-crystallization process. He helped to set up a laboratory program to compare and evaluate them.

Preliminary results were somewhat inconclusive. It was decided to go

ahead with semi-works tests, while an organic chemist completed the laboratory work.

Next, the young chemical engineer joined forces with a mechanical engineer to design a semi-works plant to evaluate each method. In this plant, all vital points were checked and rechecked: materials of construction, steam and water requirements, heat-transfer coefficients, yields, product quality, and pollution problems.

The semi-works data revealed that the distillation-crystallization process was the most economical, and also gave the best product quality. Usually, the next step would be construc-



Robert Thomson (left), B.S. in Ch.E., Univ. of Va. '50, David S. Rumsey (center), M.S. in Ch., Univ. of Mich. '48, and Rene M. Leclair (right), M.S. in Ch.E., M.I.T. '51, test samples on an experimental batch unit.

tion and operation of a pilot plant. But this time, engineers from the Production Division arranged for a limited-scale plant test, using a spare batch still and a crystallizer on a part-time basis. Two months of testing confirmed the previous data—the new distillation-crystallization process recovered adipic acid efficiently, and would reduce costs considerably. The plant is now using this process successfully.

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## Beaver Squashmen Seen As MSRA Team To Beat; Goldin And Rudzinski Star

After having consistently been the doormats of the Massachusetts Squash Racquets Association "B" and "C" leagues, the Tech varsity and junior varsity squash teams have suddenly emerged as the teams to beat in each division.

The varsity is currently sporting a fine 17-8 record which includes two impressive wins over Harvard College varsity teams. The five men responsible for this turnabout are Paul Rudzinski '54, Paul Goldin '54, Hugh Harriman '54, Hossein Nasr '54, and John Melavas '54. Goldin is undefeated in five league contests, while Rudzinski and Harriman have suffered only one loss each. Both Goldin and Rudzinski should be strong contenders for the state "B" championships to be held early in February at the University Club.

The varsity's main competition is coming strangely enough from another Tech team, the faculty-graduates. This team boasts an excellent 16-4 record, but has yet to play the Harvard teams, perennially the class of the league.

The Tech junior varsity, composed of the number 6-10 players on the squash ladder, is currently leading the pack in division I of the "C" league

with an outstanding 17-3 slate. This quintet is composed of Walt Stahl '56, Bob Warshawer '54, Dick Lane '54, Raphael Morales '55, and Don Steig '54, with Dave Reed '55, Walt Frey '56, and Eliot Cramer '55, filling in as substitutes. Stahl, Lane, Morales, and Steig, own spotless records, while Warshawer has lost only once.

In division II of this league, the other M.I.T. faculty-graduate team is currently entrenched in first place. Captained by director of dining services Frank Baldwin, the Tech grads look like sure winners. Should both Tech fives win their respective divisions, an unprecedented all-Tech play-off for the overall "C" championship would result.

### Schultz Elected Captain Of Beaver Cage Squad

Allen M. Schultz, of Brookline, Massachusetts, has been elected Captain of the M.I.T. Basketball Team, it was announced by Ivan J. Geiger, Director of Athletics. Schultz was a former star at Brookline High School in baseball and basketball and has been a three-year veteran for Tech teams in both these sports. Schultz

## Tech Basketeers Face Boston University Five In Year's Fifth Game

Last night the Tech basketball squad met a strong Boston University in the first game of 1954 at Walker Memorial. The Beavers entered the game with a one and three season record, despite playing good ball in recent years.

### Weber Leads Scorers

Forward Gifford Weber '55 has paced the scorers this year with 61 points, a 15.3 average. Carl Hess '55, a guard, has also averaged ten points a game. Recently elected captain, Allan Schultz '54, tallied 22 points against New Hampshire in the last game, after getting off to a slow start. Schultz may well be up among the leaders if he holds the pace. Other starters have been Ken Christie '55, Jack Britt '55, and Stan Shilensky '55. Possibly the biggest weakness is once more in the important rebounding department, where the Beavers have been consistently outjumped.

In addition to last night's game, the team has three games during January, facing Northeastern in Boston next Wednesday night, and following with two home games, against Coast Guard and W.P.I., on the 16th and 20th, respectively.

has already earned two letters in varsity sports and in addition is a member of two honor societies and active in many student affairs.

## the bush leaguer

# East Campus, Dekes, ATO Win Top Intramural Cage Leagues

by Paul Jay Goldin '54

A rash of upsets and several individual high-scoring efforts marked the midway point of the intramural basketball season. Two of last year's finalists fell by the wayside, and the four others are faced with winning important games.

### SAE, Theta Chi Lose

East Campus II proved its mettle by administering a 47-43 defeat to a stubborn SAE quintet. Led by 6' 4" Dimitry Vergun and Dick Hurlbut, the fast-breaking dorm five built up a 15 point lead only to see Tom Comparato and Andy Ewing cut this margin to four points with their accurate shooting in the final quarter. Vergun and Comparato shared scoring honors with 20 points apiece as SAE suffered its first loss of the campaign.

The other finalist to be knocked out of contention was Theta Chi, as Lambda Chi Alpha rallied from a tremendous deficit to edge the Theta Chi's 39-36. Trailing by 18 points in the second period, Lambda Chi began to hit the cords consistently, and drew even at the end of the third quarter. Heartened by this rally, they added

14 points in the fourth quarter to inflict a bitter loss on Theta Chi.

### Dekes, ATO, Grad. House Win

Alpha Tau Omega solidified its league V leadership by grinding out a 29-13 win over Burton House and a 27-14 win over A.I.Ch.E. Al Dana and John Stelling were the big guns in the ATO wins. Meanwhile, Delta Kappa Epsilon virtually assured itself of a playoff position by crushing Phi Delta Theta 41-22. This left Dekes the only undefeated team in League II.

### Grad. House Teams Contenders

In other leagues, Walker Staff, Sigma Nu, and Graduate House A will battle it out for the top rung of league III. All three teams have won twice without a loss, but the tie is due to be broken tomorrow, when Sigma Nu and Grad. House meet. The winner of this game should have a clear shot at the title.

League VI provided the greatest reversal of form when Sigma Chi shackled Phi Kappa's scoring ace, Mike Kennedy, as they rolled to a 28-18 win. Kennedy had racked up 35 points in his last game, but a fine defense limited him to 13 points. The Sigma Chi defense plus the outstanding shooting of Tom Dupree gave the Sigs a well-deserved win. This loss left Grad. House B in sole possession of first place. Grad. House B retained this position by whipping Burton Staff 22-18, Sigma Chi 55-21, and Delta Upsilon 47-16.

The scoring leaders and the top ten intramural teams are given below:

## Pucksters Lose To Northeastern; Schwartz Stars

On Tuesday evening, December 15, the Beaver varsity hockey squad was edged by Northeastern University, 4-3, at Boston Garden, despite the three goals scored by left wing Gaylord Schwartz '56.

Tech sustained two crippling injuries during the last period as Schwartz and Joe Bova '54 were helped off the rink.

The Techmen broke the scoring ice early in the first period as Schwartz, assisted by Fred Culick '56 and John L. Sullivan '56, whipped the puck past Northeastern goalie Donald Whynot for a counter. Thirty-four seconds later, Schwartz did it again with Culick as feeder.

However, Tech's lead was short-lived as John Gilbody of Northeastern took a pass from Charles Booker and shot it in past goalie Joe Bova for a goal. Shortly afterward, Robert Grayton, assisted by Fred Vorderer, chalked up Northeastern's second score of the evening. The scoreboard showed a 2-2 deadlock at the bell.

At 6:31 of the second period, Gaylord Schwartz, assisted again by Culick and Sullivan, shot the puck past Northeastern's Whynot for his third goal of the evening and the Beavers' second hat trick of the year. Northeastern followed suit toward the end of the period as Grayton scored his second of the evening to knot the score once more.

Northeastern opened the last period with a bang as defenseman Sid Watson, taking the puck from Roy Kelley, swept around in back of the goal and put it in for 4-3. A few minutes later, a melee broke out and Schwartz was assisted from the ice with a broken arm.

Tech's injury jinx showed itself again as midway through the period goalie Joe Bova lost four teeth in a scuffle by the goal. Despite these injuries, the Beavers fought back but were unable to score during the remainder of the contest.

The Tech pucksters, in going down in defeat for the third time, played what was undoubtedly their best game of the season. Besides the fine work of Schwartz, Culick, Sullivan, and Bova, defenseman Hal Wells '54 played his usual fine game, as did Co-captain Jack Kiley '54.

The contest, though rather rough at times, was well-played and gave evidence that the Martinmen have hit their stride and can be expected to put up a good fight against all comers.

On January 15, the Beavers play their next game against the University of New Hampshire at Durham, to be followed by contests against Bowdoin and Amherst.

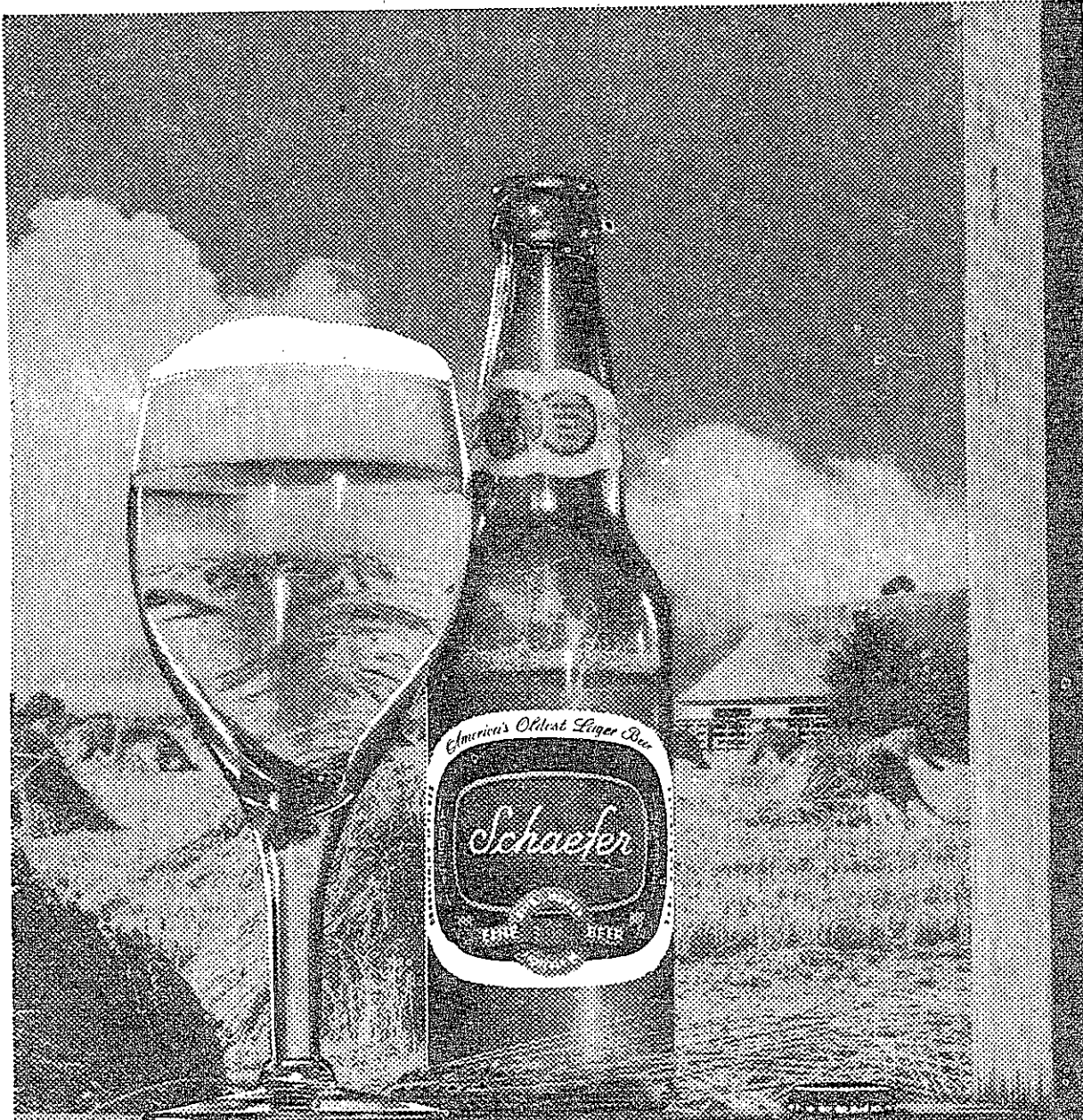
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| 1—Kennedy (Phi Kappa).....   | 82 |
| 2—Comparato (SAE) .....      | 55 |
| 3—Vergun (East Campus) ..... | 52 |
| 4—Dupree (Sigma Chi) .....   | 46 |
| 5—Goldin (Agenda) .....      | 45 |

## Wrestling Mentor Roger Leathers Newest Addition

Newest addition to the Institute coaching family is wrestling mentor Roger Leathers. Leathers is in his first year of college coaching after many years as a high school tutor and a college referee. The new coach is a graduate of Springfield College, Class of 1934, and went from there to a job as a physical education teacher at Cranston, Rhode Island. While in college, he starred on the Gymnast's wrestling team and became New England Intercollegiate and A.A.U. champion in the 135-pound class. In his senior year he was national runner-up in the same class in addition to captaining the squad.

During his tenure at Cranston, his teams almost invariably won the Rhode Island state championships, and several years were undefeated. At the same time, Leathers was refereeing intercollegiate and interscholastic wrestling matches, and is at present the president of the New England Referees Association.

Of his new team, he says, "They're a fine bunch of boys, and I think we'll have a good team by the end of the year." Starting with only two lettermen, Leathers has molded the squad into a team in which virtually every man is a threat, and all the matches promise to be close and exciting even if Tech does not always win.



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## Tech Tracksters Hold Relay Trials For Future Meets

The Tech track team is starting to get up steam for the indoor season by holding tryouts tomorrow for the one and two-mile relays at 1:30 on the indoor track beside Briggs Field House.

These are being held to choose the men and their substitutes who will wear the cardinal and gray in both varsity and frosh relays in the Knights of Columbus and Boston Athletic Association games. The K. of C. games come first on the team's schedule, and will be run off on Saturday, January 30.

In the past Beaver track teams have always done well in both of these meets, and last year, Tech's two mile relay team came out of the K. of C. games with top honors. The tradition should continue with the varsity men, and Coach Oscar Hedlund hopes that some of it rubs off on the freshmen.

### I.D.C.

If you feel blue and wish to flee, then get a date for I.D.C. The Informal Dance of the Walker Staff will be held on Saturday, January 16, from 8:30 to 12:00 in Morris Hall. Refreshments and entertainment are included in the \$1.00 per couple admission.

### CREW DANCE

The annual Sweepstakers' Ball is to be held this Saturday at the Crew House on Memorial Drive. The Tech-tonians will furnish the music starting at 8:00.

All freshmen and varsity crew men and their friends are invited to attend.

### ONEG SHABAT

On Friday, January 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the Projection Room in the basement of the Hayden Library. M.I.T. Hillel will hold a get-together. Dr. Vernon D. Tate, Director of Libraries at the Institute, will speak on "Knowledge is where you find it."

The evening will continue with refreshments, singing and folk-singing. All are invited to attend.

## Field Day Report

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awarded to the other class.

2. The glove fight shall last fifteen minutes instead of twenty minutes as previously held.

3. A better method for starting and stopping the fight should be devised.

The committee also suggests that the tug of war should not be held at the same time as any other event, and that Field Day should continue to be held during Junior Prom weekend.

### Purple Shaft Included

According to another suggestion, a tug of war would be held two weeks before field day, with no limit on the number of participants from each class. The winning class would get possession of the Purple Shaft, which would be worth two points if kept until Field Day. Within the two-week period, this class would have to present the Purple Shaft to its rivals at least twice. Presentation of the shaft would consist of bringing it within view of a certain minimum of the other class at a previously specified time and place. During the rest of the time the shaft would have to be kept on campus, but not in a fraternity or dormitory room, an upper-classman being appointed to see that this rule is complied with.

### Strengthen Freshmen Rules

Opinion is fairly well divided over the question of Freshman rules, although a majority of the Class of '57 have stated that they would support their enforcement. In view of the fact that one of the main troubles with Freshman rules has been the lack of a well-organized effort for enforcement, begun far enough in advance, the committee has made several suggestions concerning them. A plan of enforcement should be submitted to Inscomm well in advance, and the presentation of the rules to Freshmen should be made less apologetic, ordering rather than requesting.

The rules themselves, it is felt, should be revised so as to be more in keeping with the traditions of the Institute. Freshmen should be required to know the school songs, as well as the names of principal activity leaders. The wearing of Freshman pins should be continued on a trial basis for one more year, since they did not receive a fair trial this year. The committee stressed the importance of rigid enforcement of these rules, especially during the first few weeks of the school year. No substitute for the

## Course II Room

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planned. Curtain partitions will subdivide the room into several enclosures. A kitchen and a serving table will permit meals to be obtained. A television set, a large record collec-

tion, and a book assortment are certain to be welcome luxuries. The room will be easily transformed to accommodate large seminars, lecture and discussion groups by simply sliding back the curtains. Ample room for one hundred chairs would then be provided. Storage for the folding chairs will be conveniently located behind wall panels. Because of its location it will have no windows, but Professor Arnold is certain that proper air conditioning does not pose a problem.

When this project is completed next fall it will be due to the joint efforts of several groups; the students, for originally suggesting the idea; the alumni, for financing it; and the faculty and Visiting Committee, for actively making and carrying out the plans.

## American Artists Display Creations At Hayden Library

The new gallery of the Hayden Memorial Library will hold an exhibition of the works of four contemporary American artists. The works of Ralph Coburn, T. Lux Feininger, David Park, and Emerson Woelffer will be displayed.

The exhibit opened on January 6 and will continue through January 30. The gallery is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# Six Fraternities Consider On-Campus Housing Plans

The opinions of all the member fraternities of the Institute Interfraternity Conference concerning the possibility of on-campus housing were tabulated by a committee of the I.F.C. and submitted to Dean Pietro Belluschi, Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, last December.

The intended site for the fraternity houses would be the land on which the Smith House and Howard Johnson's are presently situated. Leases on the area which is owned by the Institute expire within the next seven years.

Dean Fasset set forth a tentative plan at one of last year's I.F.C. meetings in which he stated that the Institute would probably float 70-80% of the building cost in the form of a long term loan or mortgage; the ground would be leased from the Institute on a long term basis.

## Strong Interest

According to the poll conducted chiefly by Tom Marlow '54, 6 houses said they would like to move in less than five years if it was financially feasible. They are Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Theta Chi and Theta Xi. Houses showing strong interest in moving on campus sometime after 1958 are Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta and Theta Delta Chi.

## Slight Interest

Houses showing some interest in moving on campus the time and whether or not they will move depending on future plans of the Institute are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Lambda Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Houses showing no interest in the proposed plan at this date or any date in the foreseeable future regardless of Institute provisions are Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Psi, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta.

## WMIT Robbery

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press time. Several members of JudComm have expressed doubt as to how much the committee might accomplish until the police investigation has made further progress.

The Dean's office has continued to maintain an official silence, referring all inquiries to JudComm.

A conference has been scheduled for today between officials of WMIT and Mr. Malcolm Kispert, Assistant to the president, to decide on the source of the funds to be used to purchase equipment to replace that stolen.

WMIT has been able to carry on its scheduled broadcasts all this week with the single turntable purchased Monday. Some difficulty has been found, however, when it is necessary to follow a standard 78 r.p.m. record with a long playing microgroove disk.

## Ellins Statement

The full text of the statement issued by Ellins is as follows:

"WMIT is fortunate to be a part of an institution whose leaders take such a genuine interest in the affairs of its activities. The Institute has prevented this crime from impairing our service to the students by making possible the replacement of our essential equipment. I hope that the criminals, when apprehended, prove not to be students at M.I.T. In addition to expulsion from the Institute, Grand Larceny is punishable by at least five years in the State Penitentiary. We are doing everything in our power to find the persons responsible for this infringement of the rights provided to the students by the M.I.T. Class A Activity System."

## Hayeem Returns

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would be discovered and put on display in one of the main corridors at M.I.T. Such thoughts continued far into the night, stimulated by the four walls and absolute bareness of the cell.

For breakfast I was given the traditional bread and water. It seems ridiculous that anyone was supposed to exist on such a diet. But things began to happen. The door opened and I was ushered for the second time into a big black police car. After being taken through tortuous paths we arrived at a huge building with a wall around it. As I was led through electrically locked gates and long corridors I almost shivered with fright. This looked like a place of execution. I vowed never to attempt any more such rash adventures, but live a life of seclusion and penance if I was ever pardoned.

It turned out that I had been transferred to another jail that had a section for unruly sailors. I was processed like any other dangerous convict and finally given the honor of being prisoner No. 290.

How I survived the next day I cannot imagine. It was one terrible ordeal

of wild thought, listening in vain, and not understanding the tapping sound issuing from the other cells, and general frustration. I made myself highly unpopular with my jailer by refusing to wash my cell floor, on the grounds that I was not a criminal. This he could not understand, but accepted it as part of my insane state. He even accepted the pile of letters I had written frantically to M.I.T., the American Embassy, and various other beacons of hope. He promised to mail them.

Next day the big black police car drove into my life again, and whisked me off to the docks. Before leaving, I was handed a pile of letters which I recognized as my own, and which the jailer had promised to mail.

I was placed again on the Black Tern, and deported to Rotterdam. My days of suffering were over because the captain took a kindly attitude towards me, promising not to turn me over to the police in Rotterdam. "Fly," he said, "when we dock. And don't let me see you again."

The day we touched Rotterdam, I received word of the "Black Condor" which was leaving for New York. As my luck would have it three sailors had been discharged for a drunken brawl, and I was accepted as a substi-

tute. Again I sailed from Holland, but this time with all my luggage, and legally.

The days flew by quickly in spite of the furious storms we encountered in the Atlantic and in spite of the oil I accidentally dropped on the chief engineer when the rolling and pitching of the ship was at its height.

I prayed for my luck to hold, and for the speedy return of the ship to port. September 30 we docked and rushed through the customs examination. Telling the customs officials that I was an M.I.T. student, I said I had no souvenirs. They opened my suitcases, discovering trinkets, cigarettes, and other taxable items. "No souvenirs?" the officer asked me, as he picked out the souvenirs. I trusted to my luck and held my breath. "No souvenirs," I repeated sadly. "No souvenirs," he echoed. Then abruptly he closed the suitcases, looked at me earnestly and said, "You have no souvenirs." "No souvenirs," I repeated.

Back to Boston and the beloved atmosphere of M.I.T. Never had I felt such a relief at the sight of the gray drab walls of the Institute. I prayed for its eternal progress and thanked the Lord for my deliverance. I was home again.



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